

Pending:

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

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Reid Amendment No. 3071 (to the House amendment to Senate amendment to the text of H.R. 976), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3072 (to Amendment No. 3071), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, September 25, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 27, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, September 27, 2007, upon disposition of Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (to Levin Amendment No. 2011) and Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2011), that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to the cloture vote on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—349)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12187.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the President's supplemental request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Robert Gates, Secretary, Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, and General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense; and John Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State.

SUBPRIME CREDIT MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role and impact of credit rating agencies on the subprime credit markets, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, Michael Kanef, Moody's Investors Service, Vickie A. Tillman, Standard and Poor's Credit Market Services, and Lawrence J. White, New York University Leonard N. Stern School of Business, all of New York, New York.

GEO THERMAL INITIATIVE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1543, to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, after receiving testimony from Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Mark D. Myers, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Iceland President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, Reykjavik; David R. Wunsch, New Hampshire Geological Survey, Concord, on behalf of the Association of American State Geologists; Susan Petty, AtlaRock Energy, Inc., Seattle, Washington; Lisa Shevenell, University of Nevada Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy, Reno; and Kenneth H. Williamson, Santa Rosa, California.

IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of global warming on the Chesapeake Bay, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Representative Gilchrest; Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine, Richmond; Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, and William C. Baker, Chesapeake Bay

Foundation, both of Annapolis; Christopher R. Pyke, CTG Energetics, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Donald F. Boesch, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Cambridge; Dennis T. Avery, Hudson Institute, Churchville, Virginia; David W. Schnare, Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy, Burke, Virginia; and Richard Edmund, United Methodist Church, Ewell, Maryland.

OFFSHORE TAX ISSUES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine offshore tax issues, focusing on reinsurance and hedge funds, after receiving testimony from Senator Dorgan; Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service Library of Congress; William R. Berkley, W.R. Berkley Corporation, Greenwich, Connecticut, on behalf of sundry organizations; Donald Kramer, Ariel Reinsurance Company, Hamilton, Bermuda, on behalf of the Association of Bermuda Insurers and Reinsurers (ABIR); Suzanne Ross McDowell, Steptoe and Johnson, LLP, and Lynne Munson, Center for College Affordability and Productivity, both of Washington, D.C.; and Daniel S. Shapiro, Schulte Roth and Zabel, LLP, London, England, on behalf of the Managed Funds Association.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 2654, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the “Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2467, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2778, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the “Robert Merrill Postal Station”;

H.R. 2825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main

Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the “Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3052, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the “John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3106 and S. 2023, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”;

H.R. 2765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the “Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office”; and

The nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert Charles Tapella, of Virginia, to be Public Printer.

Also, Committee ordered reported the nominations of Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, David M. Mason, of Virginia, and Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, all to be Members of the Federal Election Commission, without recommendation.

IMPROVING INTERNET ACCESS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving internet access to help small business compete in a global economy, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Copps, and Jonathan S. Adelstein, both Commissioners, Federal Communications Commission; Ben Scott, Free Press, on behalf of Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America, and Scott Wallsten, Progress and Freedom Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; Brian R. Mefford, Connected Nation, Inc., Bowling Green, Kentucky; and Douglas A. Levin, Black Duck Software, Waltham, Massachusetts.